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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 3 518 461 A (MARKS ALVIN M) 30 June 1970 (1970-06-30) -----	
A	US 4 433 248 A (MARKS ALVIN M) 21 February 1984 (1984-02-21) -----	
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